

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-57. (canceled)

58. (currently amended) A method for predicting pregnancy outcome in a subject comprising the steps of:

(a) (i) contacting a first portion of a sample from the subject with a first antibody which binds to ~~the~~ EPMI-an early pregnancy-associated molecular isoform of hCG (EPMI-hCG), ~~which isoform that is recognized by the B1-52 antibody deposited with the American Type Culture Collection under Designation No. HB-12467;~~

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(ii) contacting the sample resulting from (a)(i) with a second, labeled antibody which binds to EPMI-hCG simultaneously with the first antibody;

(iii) measuring the amount of any bound second antibody in the sample, so as to thereby determine the amount of EPMI-hCG in the sample;

(b) (i) contacting a second portion of the sample from the subject with a third antibody which binds to intact non-nicked hCG;

(ii) contacting the sample resulting from (b)(i) with a fourth, labeled antibody which binds to intact non-nicked hCG simultaneously with the third antibody;